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Deputy Director (Administration)

12 January 1952

Legislative Counsel

CIA Construction

Weekly Report No. 2

1. No definite site has as yet been selected for a CIA building. Three alternate sites are presently under consideration: (a) the Nevius Tract, (b) the Langley Site, and (c) the Old Soldier's Home. Detailed studies are being prepared upon which selection of a final site can be based. These studies include availability of the site to certain key centers such as the White House, the Pentagon, and the State Department; transportation facilities; and possibility of construction of a building for \$38,000,000 or less on the proposed site. In this latter connection, it is felt that it may be impossible to construct a building with \$38,000,000 or less on the Nevius Tract in view of the fact that such a building must fit into the overall architectural plans of the National Capital Park and Planning Commission. It is generally agreed that if it were possible to construct a suitable building there, the Nevius Tract would be the best available site.

2. Once a site has been selected, it will be possible for PBS to produce plans for an appropriate building for the site in sufficient detail for Congressional presentation.

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4. It is felt that, until we are more advanced on the selection of a site and have more detailed ideas as to the type and cost of the proposed building, it would not be advisable for the Director to commence discussions with Congressional appropriations leaders, as he would not be in a position to answer detailed questions such leaders might have regarding CIA construction.

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6 June 1952

Memorandum for: Deputy Director (Administration)

From: Legislative Counsel

Subject: CIA Construction
Report No. 9

1. The Bureau of the Budget has included the sum of \$38,000,000 in the Military Construction Appropriation bill forwarded to the Congress this week for the purpose of constructing a CIA building.

2. The DCI has discussed with Chairman Mahon, of the Armed Services Appropriations Subcommittee, the advisability of requesting an appropriation and constructing a building during the coming fiscal year. Chairman Mahon informed the Director that in his opinion it would be inadvisable to proceed with construction this year as it might subject CIA to undue publicity and criticism. In view of that recommendation, the DCI has determined not to request appropriations for construction at the present time and the \$38,000,000 request is being withdrawn from the bill.

3. In view of the above there will be no further reports issued in this series at this time.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Deputy Director (Administration)


DATE: 15 December 1951

FROM : Legislative Counsel

SUBJECT: CIA Construction
Weekly Report No. 1

The plan for securing funds for the construction of a CIA building has been submitted to the Deputy Director (Administration), and is presently with the Assistant Deputy Director (General) for action.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Deputy Director (Administration)
FROM : Legislative Counsel
SUBJECT: CIA Construction -- Weekly Report #5.

DATE: 7 September 1951

1. On 14 August the House passed the Military Construction bill containing authorization for the construction of a CIA building.

2. Following the meeting between the Director and Senator Russell the Senate Armed Services Committee approved the Military Construction bill, including the authorization for the CIA building. The bill was passed by the Senate on 5 September 1951 and is now in conference by the Senate and the House. The CIA building is not an issue here.

3. No final word has been given as to when the House Appropriations Committee will initiate hearings on this measure.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Deputy Director (Administration)

FROM : Legislative Counsel

SUBJECT: CIA Construction -- Weekly Report #3

Ref: Memo to DD/A from undersigned
dated 10 August 1951, Subj: CIA Construction
Weekly Report #2.


DATE: 17 August 1951

1. On 14 August the House passed the Military Construction bill, including the provision for the construction of a CIA building. This authorization legislation now goes to the Senate Armed Services Committee for consideration. Tentative plans call for Senate Committee hearings to commence on 20 August.

2. As soon as we have a definite commitment as to the site of the building, it is recommended that the Director brief Senators Russell and Byrd, as recommended in my memorandum of 31 July 1951.

3. I have informed George Harvey, Chief Clerk of the House Appropriations Committee, that funds for the CIA building are included in the Military Construction appropriations request which comes before the Armed Services Appropriations Subcommittee of the House Appropriations Committee (Congressman Mahon, Subcommittee Chairman and Congressman Cannon, full Committee Chairman). Mr. Harvey expressed regret that we had not included this item in our regular appropriation, thus avoiding further discussion of CIA activities. I explained to him how the situation had come about and that the Bureau of the Budget had made the determinations by which we were bound. Mr. Harvey will inform Congressman Mahon and Congressman Cannon regarding our funds, and inform me as to what action they desire us to take as far as testimony on this project is concerned.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Deputy Director (Administration)

FROM : Legislative Counsel

SUBJECT: CIA Construction -- Weekly Report #2

DATE: 10 August 1951

Ref: Memo to DD/A from undersigned
dated 31 July 1951, Subj: CIA Construction.

1. The House Armed Services Committee has reported the Military Construction Bill to the Floor of the House, including the provision for the construction of a CIA building. The Committee approved the \$38,000,000 project for CIA in full. This legislation will be considered on the Floor of the House on Friday, 10 August.

2. The Senate Armed Services Committee plans to begin hearings on this legislation in the very near future, perhaps next week. A firm date has not yet been set.

3. As soon as we have a definite commitment as to the site of the building, it is recommended that the Director brief Senators Russell and Byrd, as recommended in my memorandum of 31 July 1951.

4. The undersigned is planning to inform George Harvey, of the staff of the House Appropriations Committee, of the existence of funds for CIA in the Public Works Appropriations legislation in the very near future.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Deputy Director (Administration)

DATE: 26 January 1954

FROM : Legislative Counsel

SUBJECT: CIA Construction
Weekly Report No. 4

There are no new developments to report.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Deputy Director (Administration)

DATE: 19 January 1952

FROM : Legislative Counsel

SUBJECT: CIA Construction
Weekly Report No. 3

This office has nothing to add to Weekly Report No. 2 over and beyond the minutes of the meeting of 16 January 1952 of the Ad Hoc Committee in regard to a new CIA building, which were submitted by [redacted] with the approval of Col. White.

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TO : Deputy Director (Administration)
FROM : Legislative Counsel
SUBJECT: CIA Construction -- Weekly Report #4

DATE: 24 August 1961

There is no change since Weekly Report #3. The Senate Armed Services Committee hopes to begin hearings on the substantive legislation next week.

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